

172nd Avenue NE Corridor Study

Project Update #2 - June 2006



Project Status

The extension of 172nd Ave NE from NE 122nd to NE 124th is identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan (TMP) as an important connection in North Redmond. As part of the TMP adoption, the City Council requested a study of the area to more fully evaluate impacts of the extension, and identify preferred improvements. The main components of the study are the evaluation of:

- Extending 172nd Ave NE between NE 122nd and NE 124th in conjunction with implementing traffic calming along the entire corridor north of NE 111th.
- Improving the existing NE 122/162nd Place from 172nd Ave NE to NE 124th, providing emergency and pedestrian/bike connections on 172nd Ave NE from NE 122nd to NE 124th, and implementing traffic calming on 172nd between NE 111th and NE 122nd.

Over 30 people attended the first project open house, held on April 27. The purpose of the open house was to introduce the 172nd Ave NE corridor study to area residents and gather input on the proposed roadway



Open house attendees providing their ideas for improving the corridor at the April 27 open house.

extension and traffic calming improvements. Presentations and displays provided attendees with information about the alternatives being considered. Attendees also wrote comments and ideas directly on the draft designs. Exhibits from the open house are available on the project website.

What did we hear at Open House #1?

Open house attendees made a number of comments about the proposed extension and traffic calming. A summary of all comments can be found on the project website. In summary, there was a great deal of support for traffic calming and mixed feelings about the proposed extension.

On **traffic calming**, we heard that a mix of devices, such as narrow streets, speed humps, traffic circles, raised crosswalks, curb bulbs, and medians would reduce speeds and add to neighborhood character. Some residents supported roundabouts at major intersections.

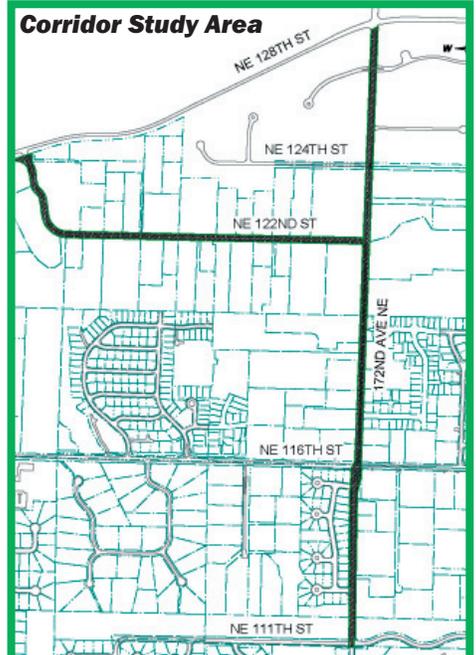
On the **extension**, we heard from some residents that the proposed extension is a reasonable way to provide neighborhood connections, if traffic calming is implemented. However, we also heard that the extension would negatively impact area neighborhoods by attracting commuter traffic even with traffic calming measures in place.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #2

172nd Avenue NE Corridor Study
Monday June 12
5 – 7:30 p.m.
Horace Mann Elementary School
17001 NE 104th Street, Redmond
Light snacks provided

What's next?

The project team is refining the alternatives based on public comment and technical studies. At the **second open house on June 12**, staff will present the results of the environmental analysis and the results of the extension vs. no extension evaluation. The preferred alternatives for traffic calming and for the extension will also be presented for additional comment. This is an important time for the public to share their thoughts on the recommendation for or against the extension and about the proposed traffic calming improvements. In late June, staff will return to the City Council with recommendations for the corridor.





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You're invited to Public Open House #2
*Monday June 12 from 5 – 7:30 p.m.
Presentation at 5:45 p.m.
Horace Mann Elementary School
17001 NE 104 Street, Redmond*
*Meet the project team and view the results of the environmental analysis, the recommendation on the extension, and the preferred traffic calming design.
Your input is critical at this time. We look forward to hearing from you!*

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Project Schedule

March 2006	Corridor Study Commenced
April 27 2006	Open House #1
June 12 2006	Open House #2
Late June 2006	Recommendations to City Council

How can you be involved?

- Please join us for the **June 12 open house** to learn about the preferred alternatives and provide your ideas and comments.
- Visit the **project website** at:
<http://www.redmond.gov> - look under “City Services” for the 172nd Avenue NE Corridor Study.

The final outcome of the study will yield the following:

- Preliminary channelization design of a preferred set of improvements
- Identification of impacts and proposed mitigation
- Cost estimates